Statement-II

1. Following categories of applicants have been exempted from requirement of Prior Police and ClD verification before issue of Passports to them:

(a) All Government servants and Employees of Public Sector Undertakings who alongwith their applications submit No Objection Certificate (NOC) and vertiiieation certificate signed by their Head of Department on official stationery.

(b) where an applicant submits his application accompanied with verification certificate signed by either;

(i) a Deputy Secretary to the Government of India and above;

(ii) a Joint Secretary and above to a State Government;

(iii) a Sub-Divisional Magistrate and above;

(iv) District Superintendent of Police and above:

(c) Retired Gazetted Government Servants.

(d) Former Members of the Union Parliament (Rajya Sabha and lok Sabha) and State Legislatures (Assemb lies and Councils).

2. in all other cases where Regional Passport Officers/Passports Officers are otherwise satisfied with genuimess of applicant, a Passport may be issued where Police and CID do not send their reports in 4 weeks after despatching personal particulars forms to them.

3. Children below the age of 15 years may be issued Passport without police vertification.

4. Persons holding normal Passports may be issued fresh Passports after 10 (years of its validity withoiut prior Police/CID verification.

5. Furthermore, in order to ensure expeditious clearance monitoring of Passports issued and pending is done through weekly progress reports in respect of each Passport Office.

6. With effect from 16th August, 1990, j fresh Passports are being issued for a ! period of ten years at a stretch so that a Passport holder need not visit a Pass-! port Office for renewal after first five J years as was the case before August, j 1990.

दिल्ली में आत्महत्या के मामले

1450. **श्री शंकर दयाल सिंह :** क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान दिल्ली में आत्महत्या के कितने मामले हुए और उनमें से पुरुषों तथा महिलाओं की अलग-अलग संख्या कितनी है ;

(ख) आत्महत्याओं की इन घटनाओं के पीछे मुख्य कारण क्या रहे हैं ; और

(ग) ऐसी घटनाओं को रोकने के लिये सरकार क्या कदम उठाने की विचार रखती है ?

संसदीय कार्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री और गृह मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एम०एम० जैकब): (क) 1 जनवरी, 1988 से 30 जून, 1991 की अवधि के दौरान दिल्ली में आत्महत्या के 2700 मामले सूचित किए गए । मामलों के वर्ष-वार ब्यौरे निम्नलिखित हैं :—

वर्ष	पुरुष	स्त्री	कुल
1988	290	340	630
1989	389	419	808
1990	489	343	832
1991 (30–6–1991 तक)	222	208	430

(ख) गरीबी, बेरोजगारी, अत्यन्त कुण्ठा, सामाजिक कुव्यवस्था इसके मुख्य कारण हैं ।

(ग) एक नया सामाजिक, आर्थिक ढांचा तैयार करने के लिए गरीबों का उत्थान करने और लोगों की आर्थिक और सामाजिक स्थिति को सुधारने के लिए सरकार वचनबद्ध है ।

Financial Assistance for setting up of new Capital of Goa

1451. SHRI JOHN. F. FERNANDES: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government have received any request from Goa Government for financial assistance for the establishment of the new State Capital; and

(b) if so, what action has so far been taken thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No decision has been taken on the request so far.

New building of Telephone Exchange at Vasco-da-Gama. Goa

1452. SHRI JOHN F. FERNANDES: Will the Minister of COMMUNICA TIONS be pleased to state:

(a) when the new building of Telephone Exchange at Vascoda-Gama was completed and the reasons for delay to instal the new Electronic Telephone Exchange; and

(b) by when it would be installed and what would be the capacity of the Exchange?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU):

(a) and (b) A new telephone exchange building at Vasco-da-Gama was completed on 10-4-90 for installing a Penta-Conta Crossbar exchange.

A 3500 lines Crossbar exchange (Not electronic) is planned to be installed at Vasco-da-Gama during 1992-93. The delay in installation is due to slippage in supply of the equipment.

Disposition of B.N.U. Gold from Portugal

1453. SHRI JOHN F. FERNANDES: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AF FAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the main hurdle in the way of disposition of B.N.U. gold from Portugal belonging to Goans which was sought to be brought back to India; and

(b) when these gold ornaments will be refunded to its claiments?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) As the formalities for the return gold ornaments have been completed, no hurdles remain.

(b) The ornaments will be returned to the claimants on completion of necessary formalities, including verification of ownership, after bringing them back to India, which is expected in a few days.

Irregular mails/daks in Chanakayapuri and Gole Market areas

1454. KUMARI SAYEEDA KHATUN:

SHRI S. K. T. RAMACHAND-RAN:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICA-TIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the areas falling under Chankayapuri and Gole Market Mail Sorting Stations in *New* Delhi had not been received their mails/ daks regularly, twice a day, for the last several months; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps taken in this regard?